

Service Date: January 30, 1985

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application)	UTILITY DIVISION
of Shelby Gas Association For)	DOCKET NO. 83.4.31
Authority to Decrease Rates and)	ORDER NO. 4984b
Charges for Natural Gas Service.)	

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Shelby Gas Association (Applicant) applied to this Commission for an order authorizing a decrease in the rates Applicant charges for natural gas service. The application sought authority to decrease rates in order to reflect all cost decreases resulting from rate decreases granted The Montana Power Company (Company) in Docket No. 83.1.5

2. On November 29, 1984, the Montana Power Company (MPC) and the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) filed a stipulation of issues and consent to enter a final order in Docket No. 83.1.5. Pursuant to the signed stipulation Order No. 4976b was issued as a final order.

3. Rates shall not be changed by any aspect of the stipulation. Accordingly the pre-December 21, 1984 rates and rate design shall remain in place.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Applicant, is a corporation providing service within the State of Montana and as such is a "public utility" within the meaning of Section 69-3-101 MCA.

2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant's Montana operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

3. The rate levels and spread approved herein are reasonable.

ORDER

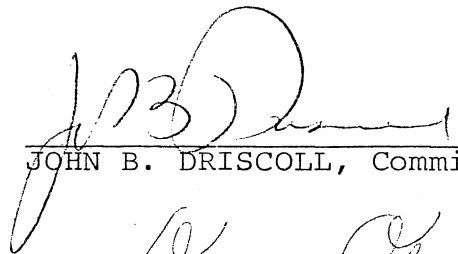
1. Rates shall not be changed by any aspect of the stipulation. Accordingly the pre-December 21, 1984 rates and rate design shall remain in place.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 28th day of January 1985, by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

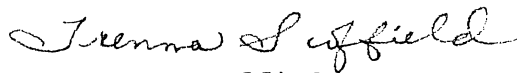

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Vice Chairman


JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner


DANNY OBERG, Commissioner


TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Trena Scoffield
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.